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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION AT
PRESIDENT PARK'S JUNE 23 " SPECIAL STATEMENT REGARDING
FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION".

DEAR FIFTY- MILLION FELLOW COUNTRYMEN*

TODAY, I WISH TO ANNOUNCE THE GUIDE- LINES OF OUR FOREIGN
POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION TO IMPROVE SUBSTANTIALLY
CONDITIONS FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR LONG- CHERISHED NATIONAL
ASPIRATION -- THE UNIFICATION OF OUR FATHERLAND. I MAKE THIS
ANNOUNCEMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OUR EXPERIENCES IN THE SOUTH-
NORTH DIALOGUE AND THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION. AT THE CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA WAS
LIBERATED, BUT OUR LAND WAS DIVIDED AND OUR PEOPLE WERE
SEPARATED AGAINST THEIR WILL.

THE 38 TH PARALLEL, ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS A MILITARY
DEMARCATON LINE FOR DISARMING JAPANESE FORCES, TURNED
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LATER INTO AN IRON CURTAIN. AS A RESULT, THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH
WERE CUT OFF FROM EACH OTHER IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL,
CULTURAL AND ALL OTHER FIELDS. IN THE MEANTIME, NEGOTIATIONS
WERE CONDUCTED AT THE MEETINGS OF THE U. S.- USSR JOINT COMMI-

SSION TO REMOVE THE BARRIER OF THE 38 TH PARALLEL AND TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. YET, THESE NEGOTIATIONS ENDED IN FAILURE DUE TO BASIC DIFFERENCES IN THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO PARTIES. THE KOREAN QUESTION WAS, THEN, SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED IN 1947, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED CALLING FOR FREE GENERAL ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF KOREA. THE UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON KOREA (UNTCOK) WAS THEN DISPATCHED TO KOREA TO FACILITATE THIS OBJECTIVE. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL ELECTIONS WERE HELD ONLY IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF KOREA BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF NORTH KOREA. THUS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS ESTABLISHED ON 15 TH AUGUST, 1948 AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS THE ONLY LAWFUL GOVERNMENT IN KOREA.

ON 25 TH JUNE, 1950, THE NORTH KOREAN COMMUNIST FORCES LAUNCHED AN UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. DURING THE KOREAN WAR THUS CAUSED, AN INNUMERABLE NUMBER OF OUR BRETHREN LOST THEIR LIVES AND THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS SUBJECTED TO DESTRUCTION BY WARFARE. AN ARMISTICE WAS PUT INTO EFFECT AFTER THREE YEARS OF WAR, BUT THE COUNTRY STILL REMAINED DIVIDED AND THE PROSPECT OF UNIFICATION OF THE DIVIDED COUNTRY BECAME EVEN DIMMER. IN MY COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS DELIVERED ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL LIBERATION ON 15 TH AUGUST, 1970, I CALLED FOR A RELAXATION OF TENSION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH WITH A VIEW TO ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERINGS OF OUR COMPATRIOTS ARISING FROM THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY AND ALSO TO BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND. ON 12 TH AUGUST OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR OUR SIDE PROPOSED THE SOUTH- NORTH RED CROSS TALKS, AND ON 4 TH JULY LAST YEAR THE SOUTH- NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED.

THE SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE WAS THUS STARTED. YET, THE RESULTS OF THESE DIALOGS LASTING FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS
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SINCE THEIR BEGINNING HAVE BEEN FAR FROM OUR EXPECTATIONS. IN OUR TALKS WITH THE NORTH, WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO GRADUALLY REMOVE THE ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH BY SOLVING EASIER AND MORE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS FIRST AND TO PHASE OUT FEELINGS OF MUTUAL DISTRUST AND REPLACE THEM WITH THOSE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE THROUGH CONCRETE RESULTS. WE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BEST SERVE TO MAKE THE TALKS PRODUCTIVE AND WOULD ALSO SERVE AS A SHORT- CUT TO THE EVENTUAL UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE, IN DISREGARD OF THE EXISTENCE OF DEEP- ROOTED FEELINGS OF DISTRUST BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND

THE NORTH, INSISTED THAT MILITARY AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MUST FIRST BE DEALT WITH, AS A PACKAGE, IN THE TALKS. WHILE THE VERY PROBLEM OF RE- UNIFICATION WAS BEING DISCUSSED AT THE TALKS, THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE WAS CONTINUOUSLY ENGAGED IN SUCH EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES AS WOULD PRACTICALLY PERPETUATE THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF SOUTH- NORTH RELATIONSHIP, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NOT ONLY MANY DIFFICULTIES LIE IN THE WAY OF THE DIALOGUE, BUT A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE RESULTS OF THE DIALOGUE ORIGINALLY EXPECTED CAN BE ATTAINED. MOREOVER, IF THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS WERE TO BE LEFT AS IT IS, THE EXISTING FEELINGS OF DISTRUST MIGHT BE DEEPENED AND EVEN THE TENSION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH MIGHT BE AGGRAVATED. NOW, AS FOR THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, IT MAY BE SAID THAT THE ERA OF COLD WAR AFTER WORLD WAR II CAME TO AN END. WE HAVE EMBARKED UPON A NEW ERA OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, BASED ON THE STATUS QUO, THROUGH THE BALANCE OF POWER AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS. JUDGING ALSO FROM A SERIES OF EVENTS WITNESSED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE UNIFICATION OF OUR FATHERLAND CAN BE ATTAINED WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THESE INTERNATIONAL TRENDS GIVE RISE TO A MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION. THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO PURSUE THE NATIONAL UNIFICATION -- THE SUPREME ASPIRATION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE -- IN THE FACE OF THE STARK REALITIES OF INTERNATIONAL

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SITUATION.

MY DEAR FIFTY- MILLION FELLOW COUNTRYMEN*
WE MUST TACKLE THESE REALITIES IN AN ACTIVE AND POSITIVE WAY. WE MUST FORMULATE WISE AND FIRM POLICIES FOR ATTAINING THE GOAL OF NATIONAL UNIFICATION IN THE FACE OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REALITIES. THEN, WE MUST ASSIDUOUSLY IMPLEMENT SUCH POLICIES. WE SHOULD HAVE PEACE ROOTED FIRMLY IN THIS LAND AND SHOULD ACHIEVE, WITHOUT FAIL, THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION BY OUR OWN SELF- RELIANT EFFORTS. WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, I NOW DECLARE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

1. THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND IS THE SUPREME TASK OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK. (MORE)
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2. PEACE MUST BE MAINTAINED IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA BY ALL MEANS.
THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH SHOULD NEITHER INTERFERE WITH EACH
OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS NOR COMMIT AGGRESSION AGAINST EACH OTHER.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EFFORTS WITH SINCERITY AND PATIENCE
TO SECURE CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THE SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE BASED
IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SOUTH- NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE DATED 4 TH JULY,
1972.

4. WE SHALL NOT OPPOSE NORTH KOREA'S PARTICIPATION WITH US IN
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IF IT IS CONDUCIVE TO THE EASING
OF TENSION AND THE FURTHERANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

5. WE SHALL NOT OBJECT TO OUR ADMITTANCE INTO THE UNITED NATIONS
TOGETHER WITH NORTH KOREA, IF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER- STATES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SO WISH, PROVIDED THAT IT DOES NOT CAUSE
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HINDRANCE TO OUR NATIONAL UNIFICATION.
EVEN BEFORE OUR ADMITTANCE INTO THE UNITED NATIONS AS A MEMBER,
WE SHALL NOT BE OPPOSED TO NORTH KOREA ALSO BEING INVITED AT THE
TIME OF THE U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DELIBERATION OF " THE KOREAN
QUESTION" IN WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

6. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WILL OPEN ITS DOOR TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF RECIPROCITY AND EQUALITY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE URGE THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE IDEOLOGIES AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE DIFFERENT FROM OURS TO OPEN THEIR DOORS LIKEWISE TO US.

7. PEACE AND GOOD- NEIGHBORLINESS ARE THE FIRM BASIS OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. IT IS REAFFIRMED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN FRIENDLY NATIONS AND OUR COUNTRY.

I WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT MATTERS CONCERNING NORTH KOREAN IN THE POLICIES ENUMERATED ABOVE ARE INTERIM MEASURES DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD PENDING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR NATIONAL UNIFICATION AND THAT THE TAKING OF THOSE MEASURES DOES NOT SIGNIFY OUR RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AS A STATE.

MY DEAR COMPATRIOTS IN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH*

UPON AN OBJECTIVE AND REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SITUATIONS SURROUNDING OUR FATHERLAND, I HAVE A FIRM CONVICTION THAT THESE POLICIES ARE THE ONLY SHORT- CUT TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION BY OUR OWN SELF- RELIANT EFFORTS AMIDST INTERNATIONAL CURRENTS OF RELAXATION OF TENSION WITHOUT IMPAIRING THE DIGNIFY AND PRIDE OF OUR NATION.

THERE CAN BE NO DESPAIR OR FRUSTRATION FOR A WISE AND COURAGEOUS PEOPLE. LET US MARCH TOGETHER, WITH HOPE, COURAGE AND WISDOM, TOWARD THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, PROSPERITY OF THE NATION AND UNIFICATION OF OUR FATHERLAND. - THE END-

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